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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 23, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2005, and preliminary to the examination of the RCE being filed concurrently with this amendment, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.